GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:275
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2006
MOUS WITH STATE GOVERNMENTS
Adhalrao Patil Shri Shivaji

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway had signed MoUs with the State Governments to expedite pending projects in the respective region;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these MoUs have been implemented effectively;

(d) if so, the results thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor and the steps taken for effective implementation of these MoUs?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (e) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO 275 BY SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2006 REGARDING MOUs WITH STATE GOVERNMENTS

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) : The States of Maharastra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Jaharkhand have signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with the Ministry of Railways to expedite pending rail infrastructure projects.Following are the projects taken up under these MOUs.

1. In accordance with the MOU signed on 26th May, 1998 with the Government of Maharastra, Mumbai Railway Vikas Corporation (MRVC), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railways has been formed with equity participation from the Ministry of Railways and the Government of Maharastra and it is undertaking capacity augmentation and system improvement works in the Mumbai Suburban Railway network.

2. Under the MOU signed with Government of Karnataka on 30th Sept., 2000, four projects have been identified for execution through a Joint Venture company named Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (K-RIDE). The projects are namely 1) Hubli-Ankola New Line, 2) Solapur-Gadag Gauge Conversion, 3) Hassan- Mangalore Gauge Conversion and 4) Guntkal-Hospet Doubling.

3. Six Railway projects have been identified for execution under the MOU signed on 19 February, 2002 with the Government of Jharkhand. The six projects are:- 1) Ranchi- Barkakana-Hazaribagh-Koderma New Line, 2) Ranchi-Lohardaga Gauge Conversion with extension to Tori, 3) Deogarh-Dumka New Line, 4) Dumka-Rampurhat New Line, 5) Koderma-Giridih New Line and 6) Koderma-Tilaiya New Line (only Jharkhand portion).

4. An MOU was signed between Ministry of Railways with erstwhile Government of Madhya Pradesh (now Government of Chhatisgarh), Steel Authority of India Limited and National Mineral Development Corporation on 2nd April, 1998 for construction of a new broad gauge rail line between Dalli Rajahara - Rowaghat - Jagdalpur. This MOU could not materialise as SAIL did not come forward with the committed funds The MOUs have been by and large effective in creation of Railway infrastructure. There has been some delay in projects impJementation in the State of Jharkhand due to delay in timely provision of funds by the State Government. A timeframe of 5 years has been contemplated for completion of projects covered under MOU in the State of Jharkhand. For other MOUs, no time frame has been indicated. Ministry of Railways is following up with the State Government of Jharkhand for effective implementation of the MOU.